

The Chair, Jack Steiner at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included George Lagassa, Lloyd Sullivan (Selectman), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

Questions & Comments

The Chair opened the meeting with an invitation for public questions and comment. There being none the Board moved to other business.

NPDES Stormwater Program

Briefing on implications for North Hampton and future EPA workshop

The TA briefed the Board on the potential impact of EPA rule changes for stormwater management under NPDES II. The new rules address water quality issues associated with stormwater runoff. It was explained the North Hampton, because of its population size, was previously exempt from stormwater management rules under NPDES I. However, current EPA rule changes will now apply to North Hampton. For example, construction activities involving 1-5 acres will be regulated under the new rules in areas such as total water runoff from the construction site. The TA noted that the Board was interested in economic development along the Route 1 corridor as a means of diversifying the tax base. Stormwater drainage along the Route 1 corridor is a major concern for several reasons; Route 1 is a State road, and the NHDOT is responsible for stormwater management, and commercial property owners are having problems with drainage. The TA noted that 48% of all water that falls on North Hampton in the form of rain (from Route 1 east to the Atlantic Ocean) drains into the Little River through the Salt Marsh and from there to the Ocean. Because of the Town's previous study of the Little River Watershed, and the Little River Salt Marsh restoration project, the EPA is interested in using North Hampton in a comparative case study with the Town of Chicopee, MA. The EPA will hold several workshops to introduce the new stormwater management rules and best management practices in the two Towns. Chicopee is a Town in western Massachusetts that is at "build-out", while North Hampton is a Town located on the urban fringe and perhaps two decades away from build-out. Chicopee spends almost 3 million dollars per year on stormwater management and related treatment costs to meet water quality standards. North Hampton does not yet spend anything on stormwater management or treatment. The intention of the workshop is to introduce stormwater techniques that will insure water quality and mitigate the associated costs of managing stormwater in the future. The TA asked if the Board was interested in participating in the EPA workshop on April 28 from 10am to 1:15pm at the school? The Board agreed.

Selectmen Issues

Web site policy

Mr. Sullivan began the discussion by proposing that the Board adopt a hyperlink policy for the Town's website. Mr. Steiner asked the TA to discuss the amount of time he spent on maintaining the site and the thinking behind the policy. The TA it does take a good deal of time managing and reviewing the content on the site and that maintenance of the site requires more time than he has. The City of Portsmouth has a full-time webmaster to maintain its site. Because more and more people want to put things on the site, it has become more difficult to review and update content. The TA expressed concern about liability issues concerning the composition of the content. Mr. Harned asked for clarification of hyperlink and whether the policy concerned internal or external hyperlinks. Mr. Sullivan noted that it was external hyperlinks. Mr. Lagassa clarified the debate by noting that the policy governed external hyperlinks and did not address content. Content could exist elsewhere at another site, which would alleviate the TA's content management workload, but place the responsibility for the content on a third party. Mr. Lagassa amended the motion to approve the hyperlink policy by renaming the Town of North Hampton Hyperlink Policy, to North Hampton External Hyperlink Policy. Mr. Lagassa proposed the addition of the following language "Official

endorsement by the Board of Selectmen."[†] Mr. Steiner seconded the amended motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. Lagassa seconded Mr. Sullivan's motion to adopt the External Hyperlink Policy. The vote was unanimous and the North Hampton External Hyperlink Policy was adopted.

Mr. Steiner read a letter from Byron Kirby expressing his thanks for the Board's recognition of his contributions to North Hampton over the years.

Mr. Sullivan read a letter he received from Senator Judd Gregg acknowledging his request to upgrade the sewer study for Route 1. Senator Gregg wrote that he had passed Mr. Sullivan's request for funding for the study to the Office of the EPA.

Mr. Lagassa read a letter from the DES Water division notifying the Town of an anticipated grant of \$118,750 for a water protection easement on the old Hobbs property.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to hire Anthony Fransella to prime and paint the recently installed sheetrock above the police station as part of the records room construction. He noted that the cost would be \$400. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mr. Tim Harned briefed the Board on the recent hearings regarding the proposed golf course (Golf Club of New England) located in Stratham and Greenland and the club's water needs. The DES was proposing a well monitoring program to include wells in a 4,000' radius.. Letters from the golf club had been sent to homes within that radius asking for their participation in the program. It was reported that there had, to date, been only light response to the letter and questionnaires. Mr. Harned noted that he had volunteered to collect information from the data loggers as part of the testing program.

Mr. Roland Neves noted that the Conservation Commission had recently listened to a proposal by the Hampton Water Works to give the Conservation Commission a conservation easement on land owned by Hampton Water Works. Mr. Neves reported that the Conservation Commission was only discussing the offer and that further consultation with the Board of Selectmen would be needed.

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of February 12th, 2001. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the minutes of both the public and non-public sessions of January 22nd, 2001. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Minutes - February 12th, 2001
- a. Payroll
- b. Manifest
- c. CDBG Manifest
- d. NHDES - EPA Survey
- e. NHDOT Paving Schedule
- f. HWW - Cross connection control program luncheon
- g. DRA - Tax Bill \$372,485
- h. District 53-B - Education Grant (flyers for recycling center) signatures
- i. Coakley Minutes
- j. Executive Newsletter

[†] A copy of the External Hyperlink Policy is included at the end of the minutes.

Selectmen's Minutes
26 February 2001
7:00pm

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25pm. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to convene in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

Town of North Hampton - External Hyperlink Policy

The Town of North Hampton website will accommodate hyperlinks to a limited number of sites. The following policy has been established to guide selection. Hyperlinks are provided as a service and do not constitute an endorsement of the hyperlinked site, of the accuracy of information on those other sites, or of the points of view expressed on those other sites. If a link does not work, please email the webmaster so that we can correct the problem. The North Hampton Board of Selectmen reserves the right to change this policy, to reject or discontinue any or all links.

- Links to other North Hampton Town web sites (e.g. North Hampton School System, Library)
- Federal, state, regional and local government web sites of direct interest to North Hampton (e.g. Webster site for State of New Hampshire)
- Non-profit, community and human service organizations with which the Town of North Hampton has a formal financial relationship (e.g. Seacoast Business Alliance Corporation, Rockingham Regional Planning Commission, etc.)
- Municipal and professional associations to which the Town of North Hampton pays dues for employees or the city, (e.g. New Hampshire Municipal Association, International City Managers Association)
- The Hampton / Portsmouth Chambers of Commerce, North Hampton Business Association, and similar nonprofit sites dedicated to economic development and promotion of tourism in North Hampton
- Post-secondary institutions such as the University of New Hampshire System
- Museums to which the Library purchases passes
- Code organizations publishing codes and standards adopted by the City (e.g. National Fire Protection Association, the Municipal Code Corporation)
- Official endorsement by the Board of Selectmen